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Wood clubs are being formed in Vermont, but more to the point are coal clubs.

It is time for Attorney General Palmer to announce again that prices are to drop.

Vermont's livestock is valued at \$47,703,000. Fortunately there is no estimate on the dead stock.

Of course Villa will not harm his American captives as long as they are worth their weight in ransom gold.

Some indication of the public interest taken in the local option issue is given by the vote in the little town of Marlboro, where the voters ignored the matter entirely, whereas last year as many as two dozen votes were cast on the issue.

There are no less than 300 Vermonters in a place no larger than Waltham, Mass., and if the same proportion is maintained in the larger places, which is probably the case, we can get some idea of what Vermont has done to populate the remainder of the globe.

West Virginia made a most spectacular ratification of the woman's suffrage amendment through the action of one of her state senators in rushing from California with all possible train speed in order to cast the decisive vote in favor of the amendment. There's little of the spectacular in Vermont on the same issue.

Still another candidate for governor of Vermont on the Republican side is a possibility which the Burlington Free Press refers to. Is the contemporary to be taken to mean that Burlington's frequently mentioned gentleman is going out to break the mountain rule in a rush of five candidates for the nomination?

A woman who once was the wife of a wealthy man and who recently won her suit for divorce against that man is to enter the British movie business as a "star" performer, receiving a "phenomenal" salary, so the report says. No wonder there is need for a censor for the movies when such people can break into the business as leading performers by merely graduating from the divorce court.

France need not be considered militaristic, for it is probably true that France desires nothing more than peace—peace for a long, long time. The reason why France may appear to be militaristic at the present time is because she fears the aggressions of Germany and desires to be better prepared against such movements than she was back in 1914. Really there is no blame to France for desiring to be surrounded by some fairly strong safeguards.

We trust that no town in Vermont was included in the 1918 statistics of the U. S. bureau of education, showing that some rural school teachers were paid as low as \$150 a year. The revelation of what some teachers were paid in the back districts of the United States is a disgrace to our American institutions, among which we placed the public schools as high. Undoubtedly there has been a revision upward in many sections of the country during the past two years, so that the compilation of statistics for 1920 would show a vastly improved condition.

The Rutland Herald hints that Representative Porter H. Dale of the second Vermont district may have strong opposition for re-election, either in the person of Mason S. Stone or of Ernest W. Gibson, or both of them. The contemporary says that the Brattleboro man (Gibson) is being "consistently urged to try conclusions" with Dale in the primaries, while it has been more or less current rumor since Lieutenant Governor Stone decided not to run for the gubernatorial nomination that he might be a candidate for representative from the second district. Whatever may be the outcome of all the rumors that are flying about the eastern part of the state and, sometimes, in the western section, it seems probable that there will be more than one candidate for the Republican nomination in the second district. Dale is serving his third term in Congress, and while his record has been subject to little commendation there is a feeling in parts of the district that someone else should be given a chance to go to Washington. This feeling is, perhaps, represented in part by the urging of E. W. Gibson to enter the contest.

CARRYING ON WAR BY CABLE  
3,000 MILES AWAY.

What Admiral Sims says about the utility of a war conducted by cable 3,000 miles away may be more or less true, but it goes without saying that a single commander in a single location of land or section of water cannot have

the comprehensive view of the situation which a directing agency in the conduct of war should have. Such a commander sees the immediate problem ahead of him and he may or may not see the relation of that problem to other problems which confront his side in the war. He is apt to have too narrow a conception of the policy which ought to be carried out. The person, or the body, which naturally will have the better conception of the entire conditions is the person or the body, to whom or to which the various reports from the scene of conflict and from the heart of the nation are brought; and such a person or such a body ought to be the supreme directing head in planning campaigns. The commander on the spot can play an important part in bringing exact and intimate knowledge of the actual situation on his battlefield (on land or sea); but at the same time he is not so completely aware of the entire situation as the person or persons receiving the reports from other commanders, as well as the commander in question. Hence the single commander ought to defer to the opinion of the whole; in fact, he should be compelled to defer to the whole, for a one-man campaign based on incomplete knowledge of conditions on the whole front and at home might easily be as futile as a campaign conducted by cable 3,000 miles away.

Undoubtedly the navy department made mistakes in carrying out its part of the World war; undoubtedly some of the recommendations of Admiral Sims ought to have been heard to more promptly than they were. Nevertheless, were the war to be fought over again by the United States, this government probably would not rely on single-headed judgment but, on the contrary, would send a naval board of strategy to the scene of conflict, there to be in instant touch with the situation and to give orders for movements, only submitting the plans to the home government for confirmation. If a war is being fought 3,000 miles away from the home government, manifestly it is not possible for the home government to be in position to conduct the war in the best possible manner. There may be too much of swivel-chair direction of war just as well as there may be too much single-headed leadership without due consideration of the broad features of the war. A proper balance between the two ought to be struck; and perhaps the controversy started by Admiral Sims' startling statements before the Senate committee may be productive of some reform of methods.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Reasons for Rent Adjustments.

Editor, Barre Times: A public explanation on behalf of the landlords of the reason for recent rent adjustments is deemed advisable.

There is no increase of rent for the benefit of the landlords. The simple fact is, that the dollar as a measure of value has depreciated. One authority tells us that in 1914 bricks were selling for \$6 per thousand, and now \$22 per thousand. That mixed paints were then \$2.75 per gallon, and now \$5 per gallon. Then painters had \$2.50 for day, now \$7 per day. Carpenters then \$3 and now \$7.20 per day after April 1. Plumbers were then paid \$4 and now \$8 per day. In 1914 the tax rate was \$2.25, while now a \$4 tax rate is recommended with the further statement that even that will not be sufficient to pay ordinary expenses.

The landlords have not raised their rate of interest. They simply must

have an income measured by the present value of the dollar which will enable them to keep their property in repair, and pay the taxes thereon.

For illustration: A owns a house called worth \$2,500, but which is assessed at \$2,000, and we will use that as its real value. In 1914 it was rented at \$20 per month, making the income for full time \$240.

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Insurance 4.00  
Taxes, grand list \$20, rate \$4. 80.00  
Water rental 15.00  
Looking after property, 10 per cent on \$300 30.00  
General repairs, 4 per cent on \$2,000 80.00

Leaving a net loss of \$29.00

In this we have increased the allowance for repairs only 100 per cent notwithstanding the fact that material has increased over 125 per cent and labor more than 150 per cent.

The collection of 25 per cent more in number of dollars does not provide sufficient income in this case to keep up the property as it had been by \$20 in the year. No addition has been made for the landlord in the interest rate, although it is well known that his 6 per cent will not provide for him as it did five years ago. He is making no gain through the change in the purchasing power of the dollar, rather a distinct loss. A fair mind will readily grasp this fact.

Barre Landlords' Association.

## Orange Resents Any Aspersions.

Barre Daily Times, Dear Editor: I read with a great deal of interest the letters of "Unprogressive" and "Granite Manufacturer" in your good paper. While I heartily agree with Granite Manufacturer in his views on snowshovelers and school teachers, I object to the slur which he cast upon his near neighbors of Orange Heights. If a high tax rate is a synonym for progressiveness he will find that Orange is not so far behind the times as he would have us believe. During the past

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Another significant item is that practically all of our delinquent taxes are against our big ultra-progressive neighbor, the city of Barre. Now we would like to ask Granite Manufacturer to take his own advice and if he does not want to pay his taxes (through his city council), move his reservoir to Brattleboro or some other town that has a low tax rate.

Orange Taxpayer.

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## WAITSFIELD

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Barnard have returned to their home in Brandon, after spending two weeks' vacation with relatives and friends here.

Miss Grace Markham is a business visitor in Waterbury to-day.

Mrs. Bowen, who has been very ill at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Earle Baird, is reported better.

Will Lavanway has gone to Claremont, N. H., to work.

Will Butler has moved to D. A. Kneeland's and will work there the coming year.

## Gallery Wit.

A long-winded speaker, after holding forth for three-quarters of an hour, paused a moment to take a drink of water. As he set the tumbler down a man in the rear remarked, "That's the first windmill I've seen driven by water."—Boston Transcript.

## More Ways Than One.

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Dix—That's right—also by an oversupply of hot air.—Boston Transcript.

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